.koisuru barairo tenchou.

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Chapter 2
THE DISTINGUISHING WHITENESS OF THESE FLOWERS HAS BEEN LAUDED AS COMPARABLE TO ACTUAL ICEBERGS OR SNOW WHITE HERSELF.
THESE WERE DEVELOPED BY TRIMMING AND IMPROVING THE WHITE VARIETY OF THE ICEBERG ROSES. THEY'RE A VERY NEW CULTIVAR OF ROSES.
GOODNESS! WHAT BEAUTIFUL ROSES!
BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU LIKED WHITE ROSES, KAJIWARA-SAN, I PREPARED THESE FOR YOU.
WELL! THANK YOU FOR DOING IT FOR ME.
SAY, MANAGER. AFTER YOU'RE DONE, IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU, I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME TEA TOGETHER OUT ON THE TERRACE?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TAKE YOU UP ON THAT OFFER.
Smile

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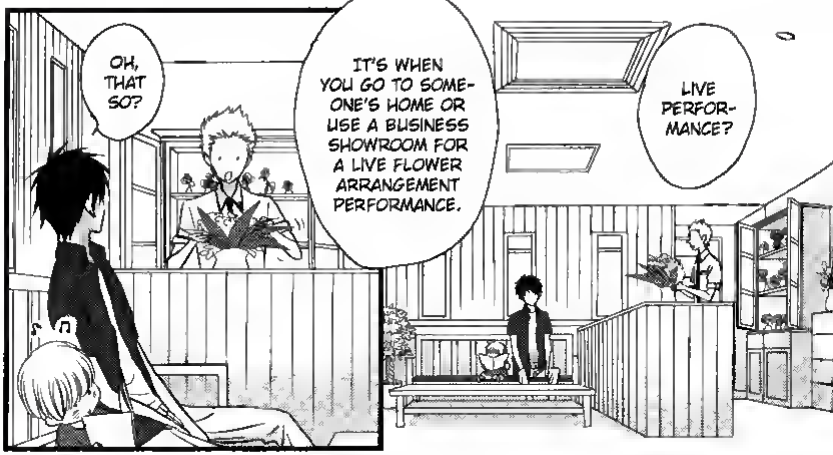
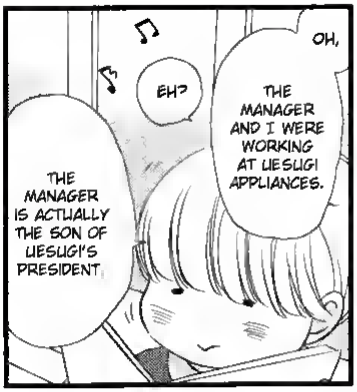
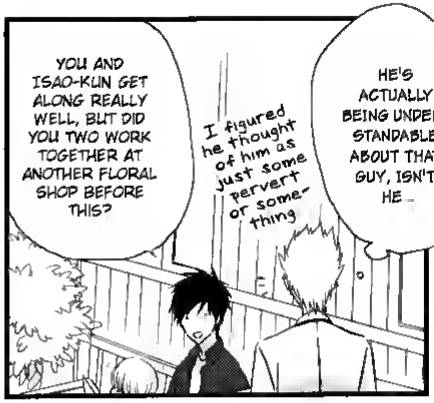
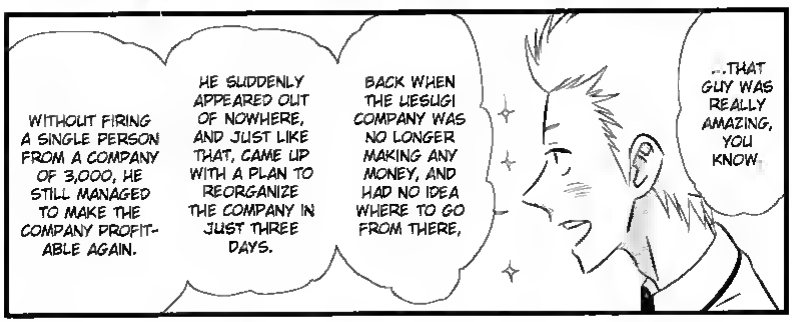

OH, THAT SO?
IT'S WHEN YOU GO TO SOMEONE'S HOME OR USE A BUSINESS SHOWROOM FOR A LIVE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT PERFORMANCE.
LIVE PERFORMANCE?

ISAO-KUN SURE IS A CAPABLE WORKER, ISN'T HE.
THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING.
Although I think he's gotten half of them just with his looks
IN JUST A WEEK'S TIME OF SPREADING WORD AROUND, HE'S ALREADY GOTTEN TEN DIFFERENT CONTRACTS.
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, RIGHT?

.....
HE DOES LOOK GOOD, THOUGH
HE'S REALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD, SO HE GIVES OFF A SENSE OF SECURITY AROUND HIM.
LIKE WITH THE THINGS HE SAYS—
BUT I THINK I KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHY.


OH,
EH?
THE MANAGER AND I WERE WORKING AT UESUGI APPLIANCES.
THE MANAGER IS ACTUALLY THE SON OF UESUGI'S PRESIDENT.


YOU AND ISAO-KUN GET ALONG REALLY WELL, BUT DID YOU TWO WORK TOGETHER AT ANOTHER FLORAL SHOP BEFORE THIS?
I figured he thought of him as just some pervert or something
HE'S ACTUALLY BEING UNDERSTANDABLE ABOUT THAT GUY, ISN'T HE—

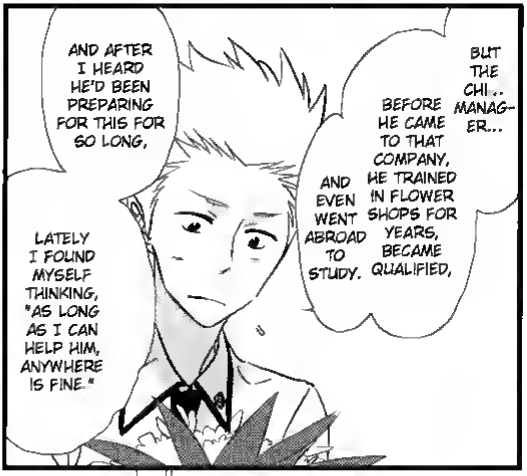

WITHOUT FIRING A SINGLE PERSON FROM A COMPANY OF 3,000, HE STILL MANAGED TO MAKE THE COMPANY PROFITABLE AGAIN.
HE SUDDENLY APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE, AND JUST LIKE THAT, CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO REORGANIZE THE COMPANY IN JUST THREE DAYS.
BACK WHEN THE UESUGI COMPANY WAS NO LONGER MAKING ANY MONEY, AND HAD NO IDEA WHERE TO GO FROM THERE,
...THAT GUY WAS REALLY AMAZING, YOU KNOW.

HE'S SURE A BOSS YOU CAN BE PROUD OF, ISN'T HE?
IT SEEMS JUST LIKE HIM TO NOT FIRE A SINGLE PERSON.
D—
DON'T YOU THINK SO!?
Right? Right?

BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, HE WAS REALLY COOL!
BACK THEN I WAS WORKING AS A HELPING HAND FOR THE CHIEF,
"CHIEF!"

SO ISAO-KUN WAS ABLE TO LIVE HIS DREAM OF OPENING UP A FLOWER SHOP AFTER HE FINISHED RESTORING THE COMPANY.
But why are you working as a florist, Satou-kun?
dun
..I WONDER WHY INDEED..
I HAD BEEN PLANNING TO WORK MY WHOLE LIFE UNDER THE CHIEF AT THAT COMPANY...

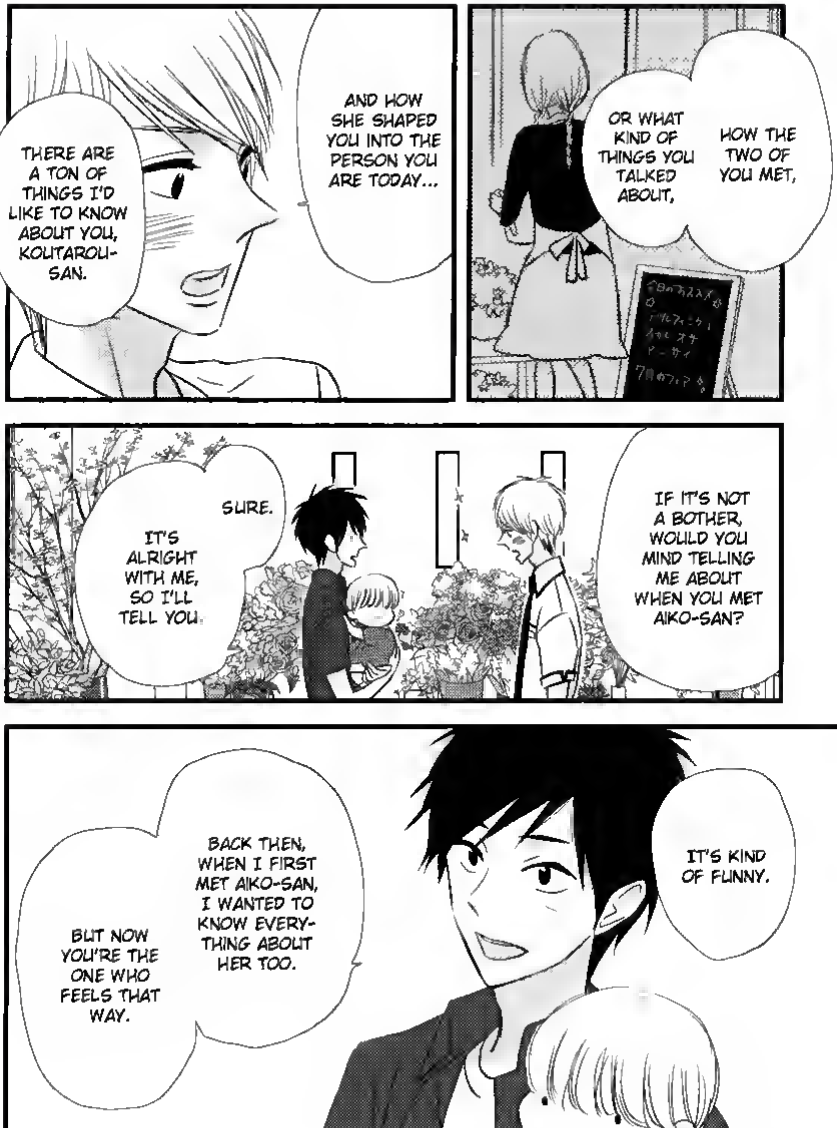
...ISAO-KUN MUST BE REALLY HAPPY TO HAVE A GOOD HELPER LIKE YOU.
THANK YOU!


BUT THE CHI.. MANAGER...
BEFORE HE CAME TO THAT COMPANY, HE TRAINED IN FLOWER SHOPS FOR YEARS, BECAME QUALIFIED,
AND EVEN WENT ABROAD TO STUDY.
AND AFTER I HEARD HE'D BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS FOR SO LONG,
LATELY I FOUND MYSELF THINKING, "AS LONG AS I CAN HELP HIM, ANYWHERE IS FINE."

I'M BACK~.
Click
AH— MANAGER,
KOUTAROU-SAN CAME BY.
WELCOME BACK, ISAO-KUN.
KOUTAROU-SAN!
pop

YOU REALLY GAVE IT YOUR ALL, DIDN'T YOU, ISAO-KUN.
PROTECTING YOUR COMPANY LIKE THAT WITHOUT HURTING ANYBODY MUST'VE BEEN REALLY HARD ON YOU.
Your face is becoming really weird, manager
GOOD JOB, SATOU-KUN!!
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS WERE TALKING ABOUT, BUT...
HM?
DADDY.
IT'S MOMMY'S FLOWERS.
I'm not going to wash my hair after this today!!
Please don't say such an outrageous thing!!

YOU MEAN THE DELPHINIUMS?
THESE ARE THE FLOWERS SHE ALWAYS HAD AROUND IN THE SUMMER.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
ZEN...
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SO LITTLE BACK THEN, HE STILL REMEMBERED SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
ZEN-KUN'S MOTHER..
I MEAN, AIKO-SAN, WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS SHE?
...EXCUSE ME, KOU-TAROU-SAN.
I STILL THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS A VERY WONDERFUL PERSON.
THOUGH I MET HER AS A CHILD,
...ISN'T THAT STEPPING ON A LANDMINE, MANAGER?


THERE ARE A TON OF THINGS I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU, KOUTAROU-SAN.
AND HOW SHE SHAPED YOU INTO THE PERSON YOU ARE TODAY...
HOW THE TWO OF YOU MET,
OR WHAT KIND OF THINGS YOU TALKED ABOUT,
IF IT'S NOT A BOTHER, WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME ABOUT WHEN YOU MET AIKO-SAN?
SURE.
IT'S ALRIGHT WITH ME, SO I'LL TELL YOU.
IT'S KIND OF FUNNY.
BACK THEN, WHEN I FIRST MET AIKO-SAN, I WANTED TO KNOW EVERY-THING ABOUT HER TOO.
BUT NOW YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FEELS THAT WAY.

GEH—
JEEZ, YOU'RE PERSISTENT ~~!!
YOU THERE, ON THE BIKE, PULL OVER!
WHIII

DAMN, I SURE CAN LIVE THROUGH ANYTHING, CAN'T I?
Wobble.
OWW

HUH?
CAUGHT YOU.
SHIT, I'M GONNA GET CAUGHT
Whirr Whirr

YOU SHOULD THROW AWAY SOMETHING AS DANGEROUS AS THAT
BUT MY BIKE~!
drag drag

SEE? IT'S THAT FLOWER SHOP OVER THERE
EH?
HOLD IT—
MY BIKE..
drag..

WELCOME TO MY SHOP
HUH?

I'LL GO AND CALL AN AMBULANCE TO THE MAIN STREET FOR YOU.
SOMEONE'S GONNA MAKE OFF WITH MY BABY~!
LISTEN HERE, LADY!
HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK IT COST ME TO GET ALL THOSE CUSTOM PARTS FOR THAT BIKE!?
OH?
SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU'D RATHER BE CAUGHT WITH THAT BIKE?
UGH...
USELESS THINGS YOU DON'T NEED WILL ONE DAY LEAVE YOU ON THEIR OWN ACCORD ANYWAY.
ISN'T THIS GOOD?
NOW YOU WON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH THE VEHICLE DISCARDING PROCEDURES
IT'S NOT USELESS!!
COME NOW,
WE'LL LEAVE FROM THE BACK-DOOR
I'LL LEND YOU A SHOULDER UNTIL WE GET TO THE MAIN ROAD, 'KAY?
drag

AT FIRST, I JUST THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS THIS REALLY ANNOYING WOMAN!
Since I was ill while she was 30
...SOMEHOW, I FEEL A REALLY LARGE GAP BETWEEN THE KOUTAROU-SAN BACK THEN WITH THE ONE TODAY...
AND BEFORE LONG, I STARTED CHASING AFTER AIKO-SAN.
AS SOON AS I TURNED 18, I PROPOSED TO HER.
I sure was an idiot, huh?
.. DAMN.
I'M GETTING REALLY JEALOUS, SATOU-KUN.
I TOLD YOU. DIDN'T !!?
IT'S FROM THE DAYCARE
SORRY, I'M GONNA TAKE THIS FOR A SEC.
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
AH.
...I WONDER WHY HE BECAME A DAYCARE WORKER.
AH, THERE'RE CUSTOM-ERS, SATOU-KUN.
dejected

inside
inside
SORRY, ISAO-KUN..
I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE DAYCARE
EH—
IT SEEMS ONE OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL KIDS HAS A FEVER, SO THEY ASKED ME TO TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL,
SINCE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A DRIVER'S LICENSE.
IT'S A SHAME, SINCE WE PLANNED TO HAVE DINNER TOGETHER TOO.
I'M REALLY SORRY, ISAO-KUN.
ZEN, PUT ON YOUR SHOES.
AH, WAIT, KOUTAROU-SAN.
IF YOU'D LIKE,
WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE ZEN HERE AND WE'LL LOOK AFTER HIM?
IT'S EASY FOR SMALL CHILDREN TO CATCH SOME SORT OF VIRUS IF YOU TAKE THEM TO THE HOSPITAL, RIGHT?
WE ONLY NEED TO GET THINGS READY TO CLOSE DOWN FOR THE NIGHT AFTER THIS, ANYWAY.
AH—

WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT FOR ME TO DEPEND ON YOU FOR THIS, THEN?
YES! OF COURSE!
ALRIGHT THEN, I'M OFF. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT!
Hiroki
ONCE I GET BACK, LET'S GO GRAB DINNER!
HE'S DEPENDING ON ME... ♡
THANK YOU, ZEN-KUN~ ♡
Please don't use children as a dummy in your plans!
IS IT ME, OR IS ZEN-KUN A LITTLE HOT?
EH—
MAYBE HE'S GOT A FEVER TOO?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY COOLING HIM DOWN.
HM?
Thank you very much!

SEEMS LIKE HIS TEMPERATURE'S GONE UP FROM EARLIER.
..YEAH.
OH—
THIS IS A FULL-BLOWN FEVER, ISN'T IT?
haa
haa
haa
WE HAVE FEVER MEDICINE,
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'D BE ALRIGHT TO GIVE IT TO HIM
IT'S MEDICINE FOR ADULTS, AND WE DON'T KNOW IF HE MIGHT BE ALLERGIC TO IT OR ANYTHING.
WE SHOULD TRY CHECKING WITH KOUTAROU-SAN FIRST.
—MANAGER!
ZEN-KUN.. HE'S..!
—NO GOOD..
MAYBE HE'S DRIVING RIGHT NOW.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

HE'S NOT BREATHING ...!

ISAO-KUN?
click

—OH
clack
blink blink

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
ALRIGHT THEN, PLEASE MAKE SURE HE GETS PLENTY OF SLEEP AND REST.
Bye-bye, sensei
Bye-bye
Kindergarten bus

PLEASE LISTEN CALMLY—
I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING URGENT THAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT.
KOUTAROU-SAN,
BEEP

AH.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

!
ZEN-KUN CAUGHT A FEVER AND STARTED HAVING CONVULSIONS
...YEAH, THE EKIURA CHILDREN'S CLINIC
...ISAO-KUN.
BUT DOES ZEN-KUN HAVE A FAMILY DOCTOR?
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE ALSO SENT AN AMBULANCE THAT WILL BE HERE IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES,
WE'VE ALREADY CALLED EMERGENCY SERVICES.
WE'VE GIVEN HIM THE FIRST-AID TREATMENT THEY INSTRUCTED US TO DO.
RIGHT NOW, HIS BREATHING AND CONVULSIONS HAVE CALMED DOWN
SORRY
WHENEVER ZEN GETS A FEVER, HE ALWAYS STARTS GETTING CONVULSIONS.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT HE HAD A FEVER AT ALL.
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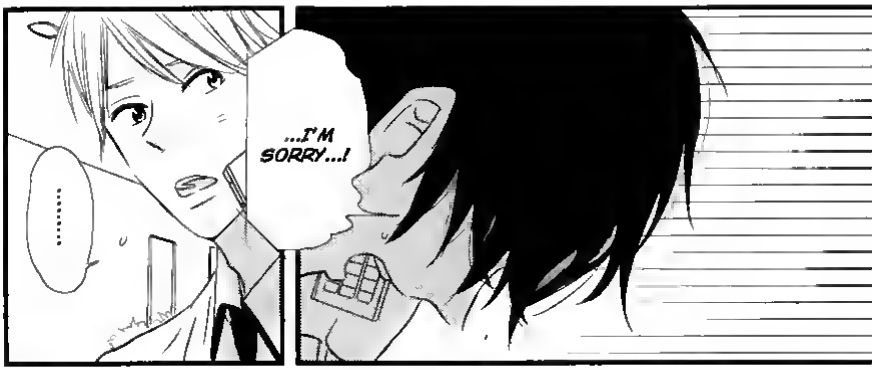
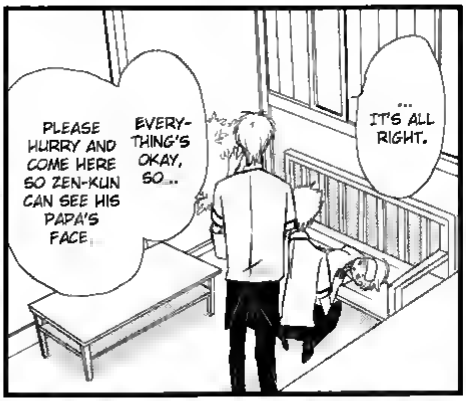
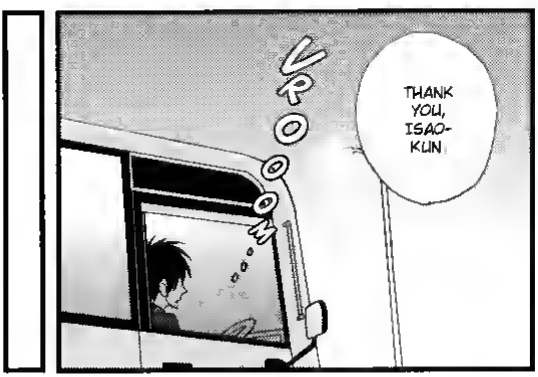
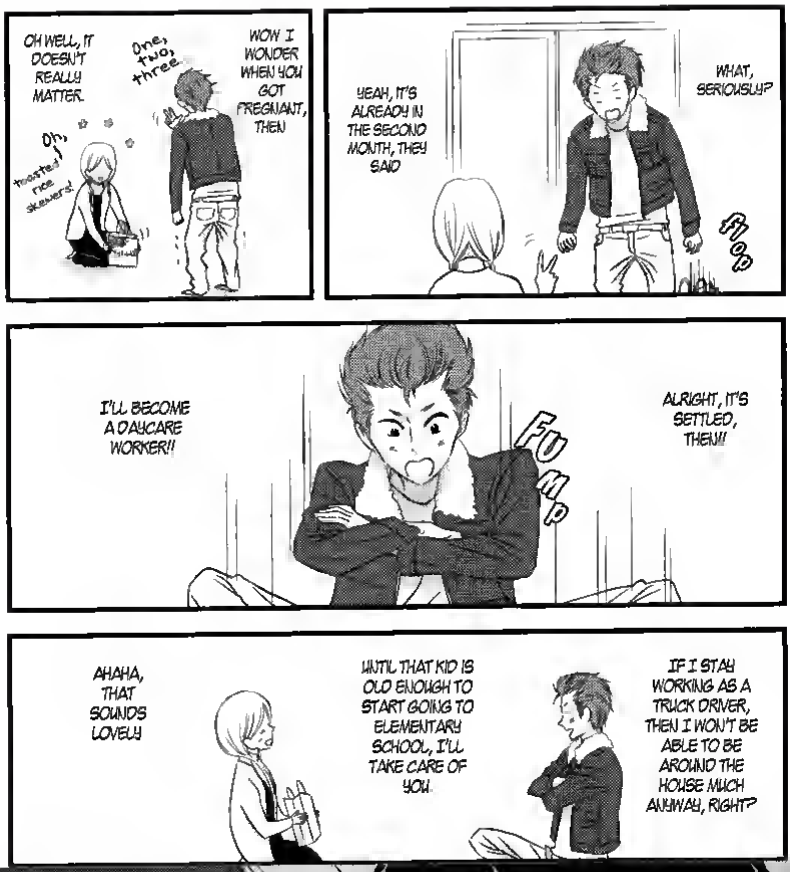






HEY, GUESS WHAT~


OH WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
Oh, toasted rice skewers!
One, two, three
WOW I WONDER WHEN YOU GOT PREGNANT, THEN
YEAH, IT'S ALREADY IN THE SECOND MONTH, THEY SAID
WHAT, SERIOUSLY!?
flop
I'LL BECOME A DAYCARE WORKER!!
FUMP
ALRIGHT, IT'S SETTLED, THEN!!
AHAHA, THAT SOUNDS LOVELY
UNTIL THAT KID IS OLD ENOUGH TO START GOING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
IF I STAY WORKING AS A TRUCK DRIVER, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO BE AROUND THE HOUSE MUCH ANYWAY, RIGHT?
I'M SORRY, AIKO-SAN
VROOM...

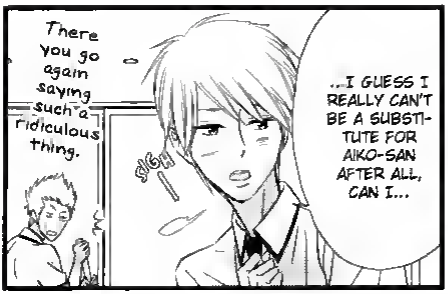
ISAO-KUN!
tap
tap
tap
tap
I'M SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG.
KOUTAROU-SAN?
THANK YOU, ISAO-KUN.
HIS FEVER'S ALREADY GONE DOWN CONSIDER-ABLY, SO I THINK HE'LL BE FINE AFTER SOME REST.
ZEN!
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T NOTICE IT AT ALL...!

I JUST HANDED HIM OVER TO YOU WITHOUT EVEN THINKING THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN, ISAO-KUN...
NO—! IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL!
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR HAVING CAUSED YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE—
HUH—?
drip
I GOT CAUGHT OFF GUARD BECAUSE I SAW YOUR FACE...
S— SORRY...

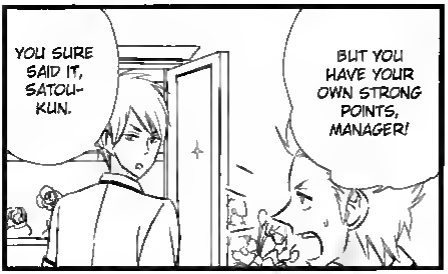
I'M SOR—...
HUH—
KO
KOUTAROU-SAN...?
BLUSH
SORRY, ISAO-KUN.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WEREN'T WORRIED YOURSELF, EITHER.
BECAUSE YOU WERE ALWAYS SO LEVEL-HEADED, I BECAME RELAXED SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY.

I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU FEEL SO HELPLESS ABOUT IT ALL.
BDMP
...!
AH—
BLUSH
PLEASE DON'T APOLOGIZE!
I WAS REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU DEPENDED ON ME, KOU-TAROU-SAN.
SINCE I HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE...
BLU
SH
I ONLY WANTED BOTH YOU AND ZEN-KUN TO THINK HIGHLY OF ME.

THANK YOU, ISAO-KUN.
...AHA.
DON'T TELL ME HE FELT LIKE HE WAS COMFORTING A SMALL CHILD?
I REALLY ENDED UP USING THOSE ULTERIOR MOTIVES TO MY ADVANTAGE TODAY, DIDN'T I?
I'M BACK, SATOU-KUN.
Flower Shop
un coin de soleil
un coin de soleil
un
...M—
MANAGER ~!!


There you go again saying such a ridiculous thing.
SIGH
..I GUESS I REALLY CAN'T BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR AIKO-SAN AFTER ALL, CAN I...

WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?
Thank you
ZEN-KUN'S FINE NOW.
SERIOUSLY? THAT'S GREAT!

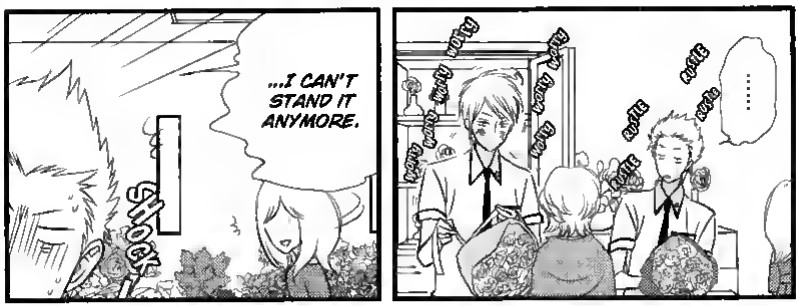

YOU SURE SAID IT, SATOU-KUN.
BUT YOU HAVE YOUR OWN STRONG POINTS, MANAGER!

WHA-
WHAT HAPPENED!?
BUT EVEN SO, KOUTAROU-SAN'S WARMTH STILL WON'T LEAVE MY BODY...
I FELT LIKE I WAS GOING TO LOSE MYSELF BACK THERE
THAT WAS WAY TOO CLOSE.

AH!
VROOM...

I'M SORRY TO MAKE YOU COME DO A LIVE PERFORMANCE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
NOT AT ALL.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PLACING A REQUEST WITH US.
Good morning
ding dong
Good morning
GOOD MORNING.
MORNING, ISAO-KUN.
I'll open it right now.
OH—
SO I WANTED TO DECORATE THE HALLS AND CORRIDORS WITH FLOWERS.
A LOT OF PARENTS WILL BE COMING TODAY,
THAT SOUNDS REALLY FUN.
WE'RE PUTTING ON A PLAY TODAY.
ZEN'S REHEARSING FOR THE PLAY RIGHT NOW.
LOOK,

OH.
UH
WHY DON'T YOU GO CALL HIM?
I'M SURE HE'D BE REALLY HAPPY
ZEN-KUN'S REALLY GIVING IT HIS ALL, ISN'T HE...
IT'S NICE, ISN'T IT?
BEING ABLE TO SHARE IN THE CHILDREN'S' JOY AS THEY GROW UP.


...I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE.
Shock
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